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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

TOPIC Merseburg Airfield

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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1. Between 20 and 25 September 1950 the landing field of the Merseburg (M 52/D 91) airfield was being cleared of debris and made serviceable. The glass work was being done on all hangars. The work at the field was nearly complete. The armored trains, previously south of the hangars, were moved to the western edge of the landing field. Six heavy railway guns were also emplaced there. *
2. According to local residents the field would soon be occupied by Soviet aircraft. Preparations were allegedly being made. ** A woman laborer in the ordnance depot said that all German workers in the depot were to soon be discharged as the field was to be occupied by Soviets.

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- * Comment. The work is reported for the first time.
- ** Comment. To date the field has not been occupied by an air unit. Former German weapons were stored in the hangars. The information that the field is to be used by the Soviet Air Force is received for the first time. It is possibly planned to use the field temporarily during the maneuvers which are now being held.

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